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STORY SO FAR...

A BUNCH OF WEIRD STUFF HAS BEEN HAPPENING LATELY.
SONIC AND TAILS FOUND OUT THAT ALL OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS WENT MISSING...
...AND THEN SONIC HAD THIS WHOLE CONFRONTATION IN HOLOSKA THAT WENT SIDEWAYS...*
...IF SOMEONE IS GATHERING THE CHAOS EMERALDS, THEY'LL PROBABLY GO FOR THE MASTER EMERALD NEXT!
I KNOW YOU'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF GUARDING THE MASTER EMERALD, BUT PLEASE, LET US HELP.
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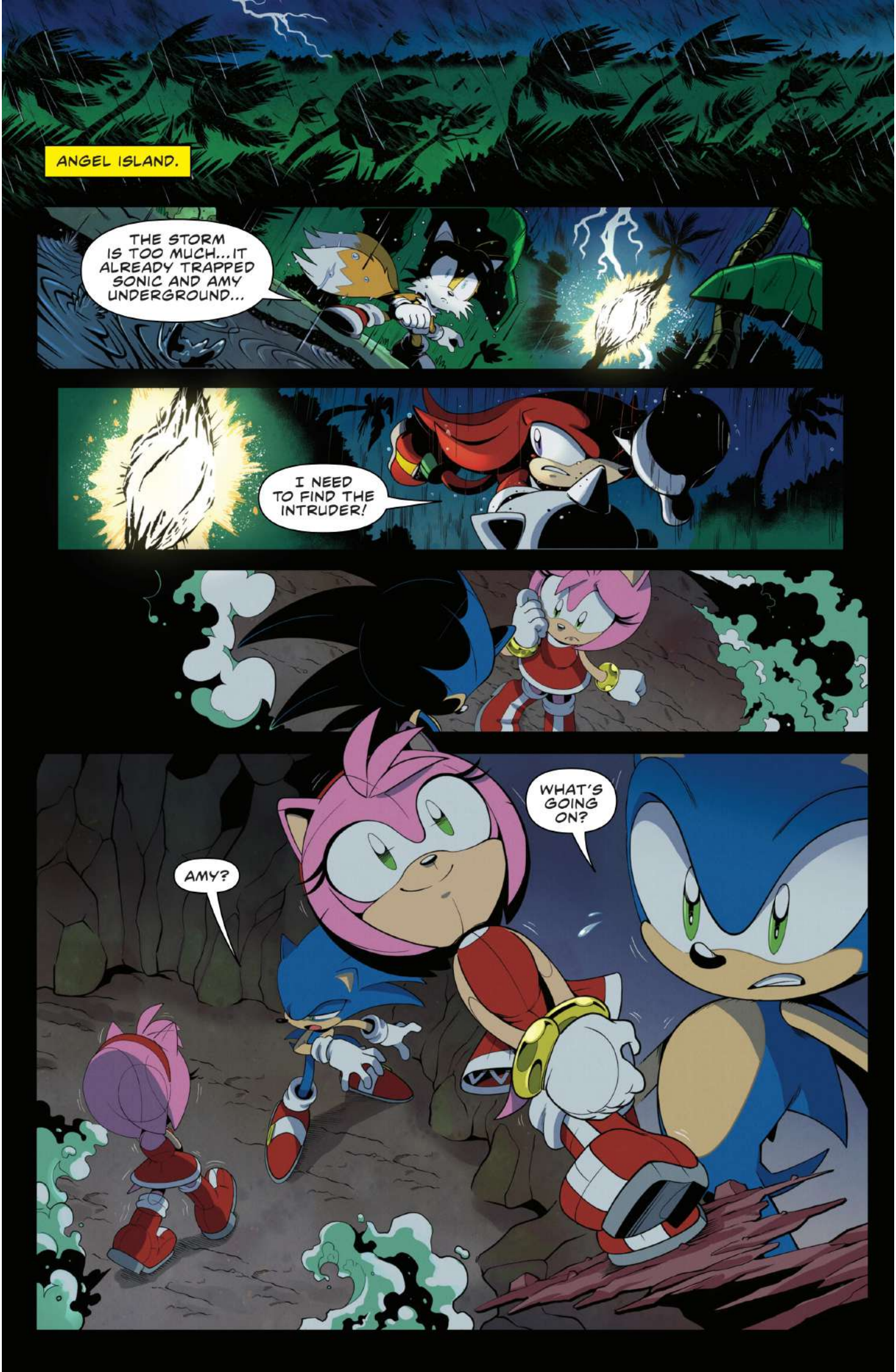
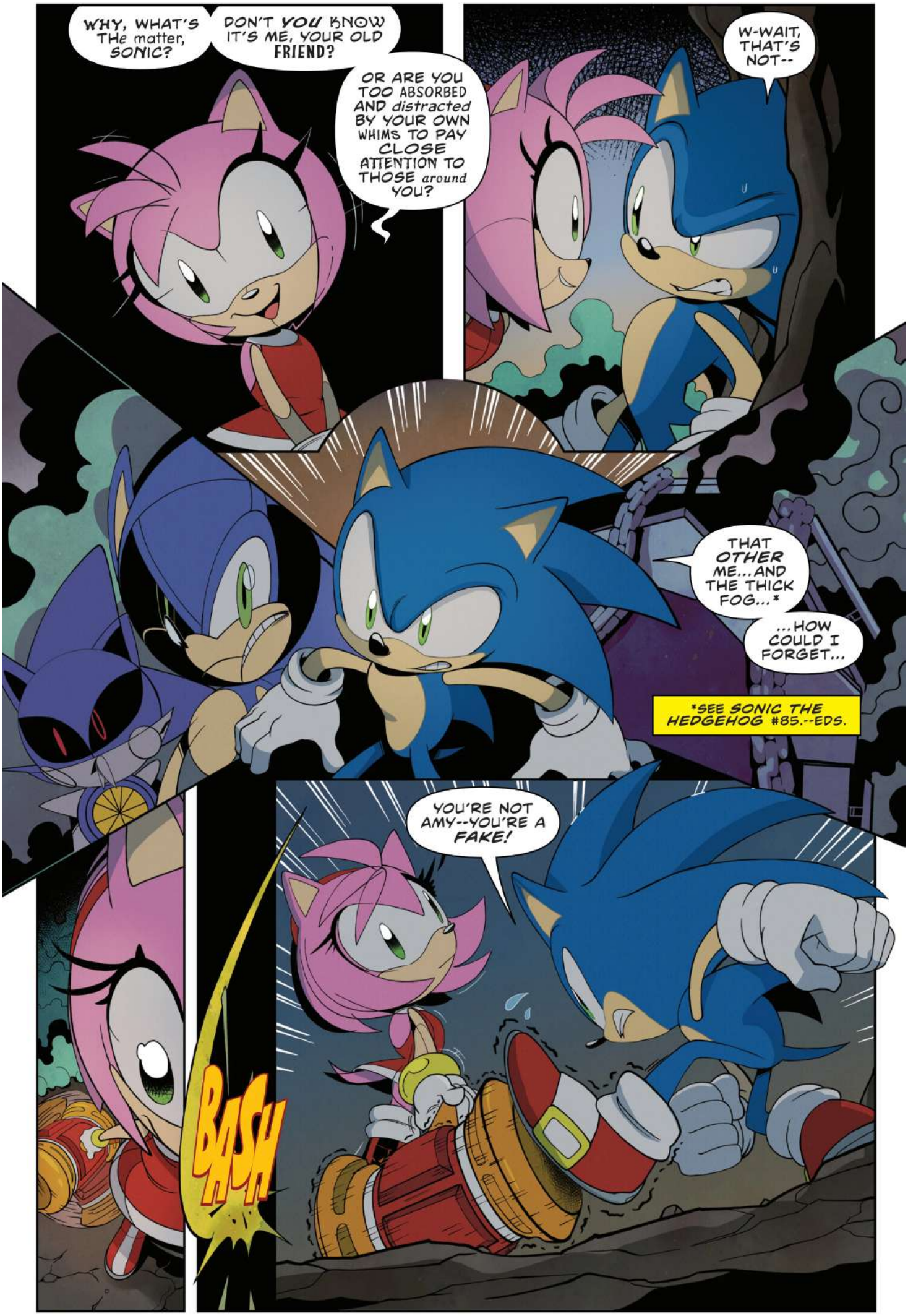
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
THE BLUE BLUR.
FASTEST THING ALIVE.

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE.
JUSTICE'S CHEERFUL CHAMPION.

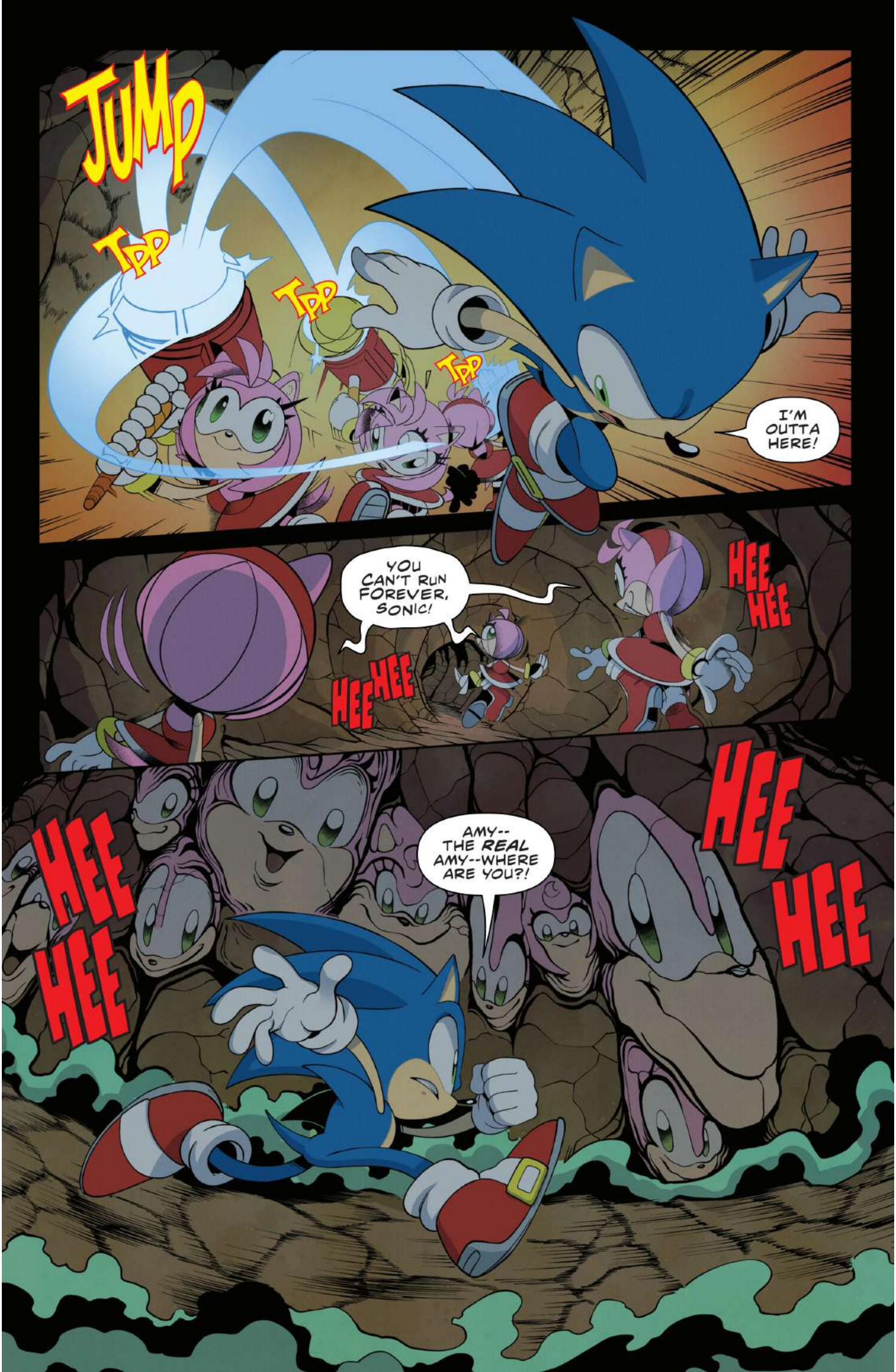
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
TECH-SAVVY SIDEKICK.
HIGH-FLYING GENIUS.

KNUCKLES THE ECHINDA
GUARDIAN OF THE MASTER EMERALD.
ANGEL ISLAND'S PROTECTOR.


ANGEL ISLAND.
THE STORM IS TOO MUCH...IT ALREADY TRAPPED SONIC AND AMY UNDERGROUND...
I NEED TO FIND THE INTRUDER!
AMY?
WHAT'S GOING ON?


WHY, WHAT'S THE matter, SONIC?
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S ME, YOUR OLD FRIEND?
OR ARE YOU TOO ABSORBED AND distracted BY YOUR OWN WHIMS TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THOSE around YOU?
W-WAIT, THAT'S NOT--
THAT OTHER ME... AND THE THICK FOG...*
...HOW COULD I FORGET...
*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #85.--EDS.
YOU'RE NOT AMY--YOU'RE A FAKE!
BASH

SONIC, SONIC, SONIC...
ALWAYS CHASING THE NEW ADVENTURE, NEVER LOOKING BACK...
A CRUELLY CARELESS WIND THAT STIRS CALLOUS STORMS BEHIND IT...
OKAY, IT SOUNDS REALLY BAD WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT.
TOO CAREFREE TO SELF-REFLECT--
--AS USUAL...
...LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO BEAT IT INTO YOU!
P'P'PIKO
YIKES!

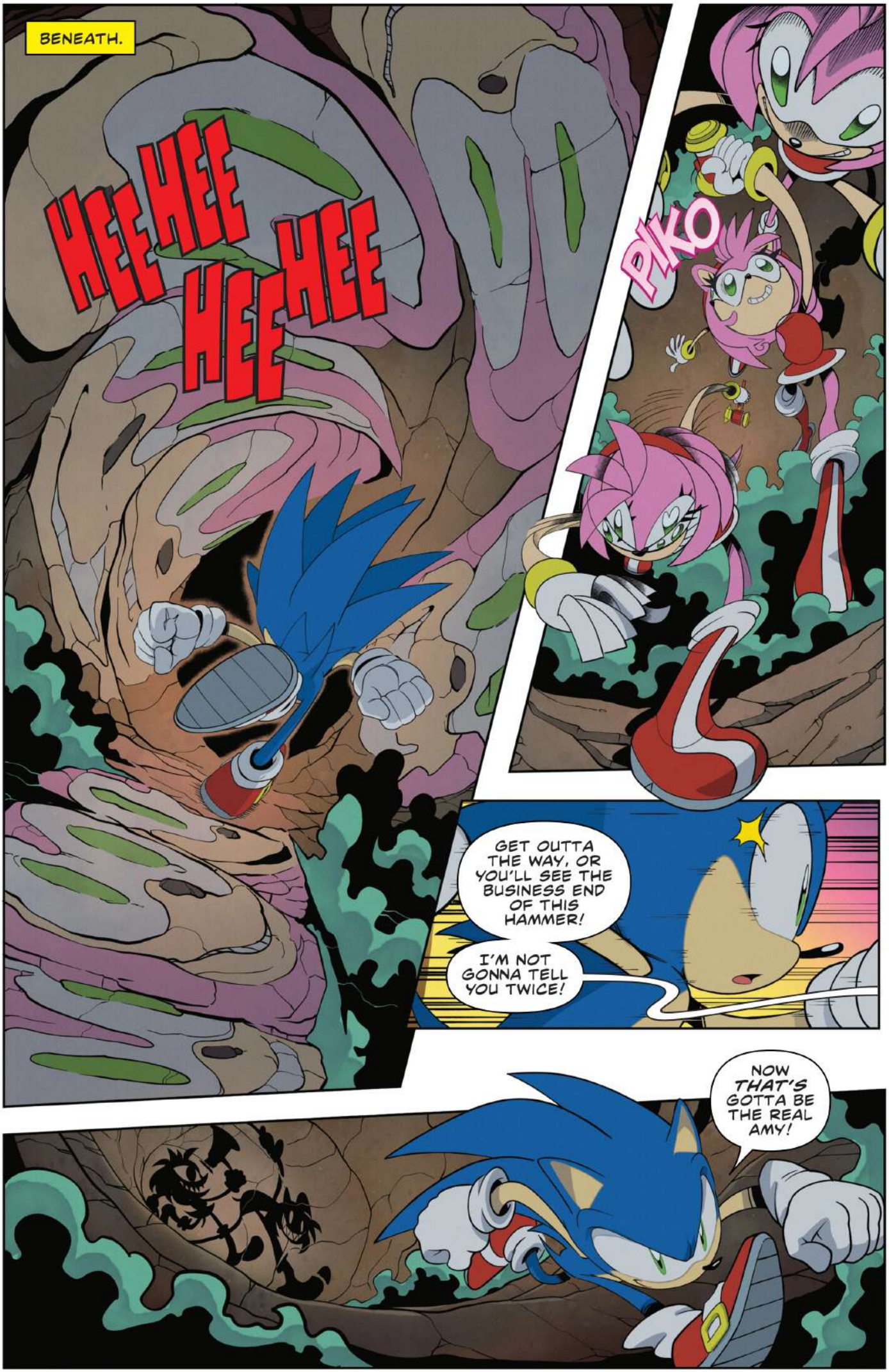

JUMP
TPP
TPP
TPP
I'M OUTTA HERE!
YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER, SONIC!
HEE HEE
HEE HEE
HEE HEE
HEE HEE
AMY-- THE REAL AMY--WHERE ARE YOU?!

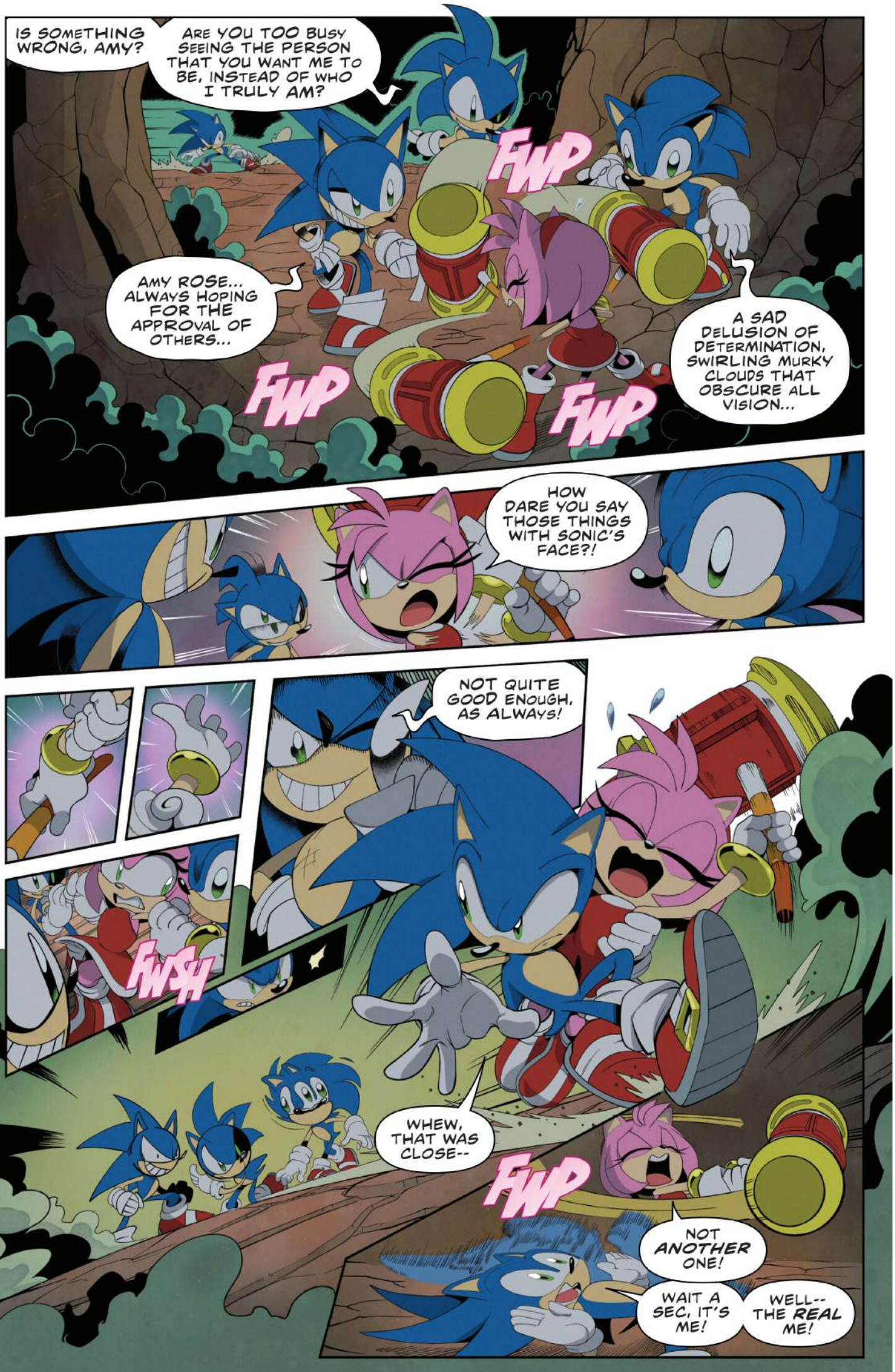
MEANWHILE. ABOVEGROUND.
TAILS-- WHERE ARE YOU?!
KA-KRAK
THERE YOU ARE!
HEY, GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!
WE HAVE TO GO AFTER-- WHATEVER THAT THING WAS!
B-BUT I--
KA-KRAK
THERE IT IS--LET'S GO!
I--I DUNNO IF I CAN...
SCOOP
RRGHH!
?!

I'VE GOT ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT WITHOUT YOU FREEZING UP ON ME!
YOU'VE BEEN IN STORMS BEFORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
:SIGH:
I--I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER.
I THOUGHT THAT I HAD GOTTEN STRONGER, BUT IF A BIG STORM LIKE THIS IS STILL SCARING ME, MAYBE I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH YET...
...

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THERE'S BEEN A STORM ON ANGEL ISLAND.
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THEM.
"I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF THEM.
"SOME OF THEM WORSE THAN THIS.
"ALL BY MYSELF.
"I'M SWORN TO PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD ON MY OWN...
"...INSTEAD OF RELYING ON ANYBODY ELSE TO STAND BY ME THROUGH THE STORM.
"SO I HAD TO LEARN TO RELY ONLY ON MY OWN STRENGTH...MY OWN RESOLVE."

DO YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING? YOU NEED TO BECOME STRONGER.
SO YOU CAN WEATHER THESE STORMS WITHOUT ANYBODY'S HELP.
Y-YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
WELL-- MOSTLY.
YOU DID GET ONE THING WRONG.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
I MEAN THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE ALL THE TIME.
AND THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOUR STRENGTH LESS MEANINGFUL!
IT'S JUST A FACT. THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN'T--AND DON'T HAVE TO--DO BY YOURSELF.
FOR EXAMPLE-- WE STILL HAVEN'T CAUGHT UP WITH WHATEVER-THAT-IS.
BUT IF YOU CAN THROW ME AT IT, MAYBE I CAN HOLD THINGS DOWN UNTIL YOU CATCH UP!


BENEATH.
HEE HEE HEE HEE
PIKO
GET OUTTA THE WAY, OR YOU'LL SEE THE BUSINESS END OF THIS HAMMER!
I'M NOT GONNA TELL YOU TWICE!
NOW THAT'S GOTTA BE THE REAL AMY!


IS SOMETHING WRONG, AMY?
ARE YOU TOO BUSY SEEING THE PERSON THAT YOU WANT ME TO BE, INSTEAD OF WHO I TRULY AM?
FWP
AMY ROSE... ALWAYS HOPING FOR THE APPROVAL OF OTHERS...
FWP
FWP
A SAD DELUSION OF DETERMINATION, SWIRLING MURKY CLOUDS THAT OBSCURE ALL VISION...
HOW DARE YOU SAY THOSE THINGS WITH SONIC'S FACE?!
NOT QUITE GOOD ENOUGH, AS ALWAYS!
FWSH
WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE--
FWP
NOT ANOTHER ONE!
WAIT A SEC, IT'S ME!
WELL-- THE REAL ME!

GRAB
SONIC! IT IS THE REAL YOU!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE!
THOSE... COPIES OF YOU WERE SAYING SOME REALLY NOT-GREAT THINGS...
HEY, DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU, ALL RIGHT?
THOSE WERE JUST FAKES-- THAT'S NOT HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU AT ALL.
LET'S JUST FOCUS ON GETTING OUT OF HERE--
--UH-OH.
YOU'RE INTERRUPTING OUR MOMENT HERE!

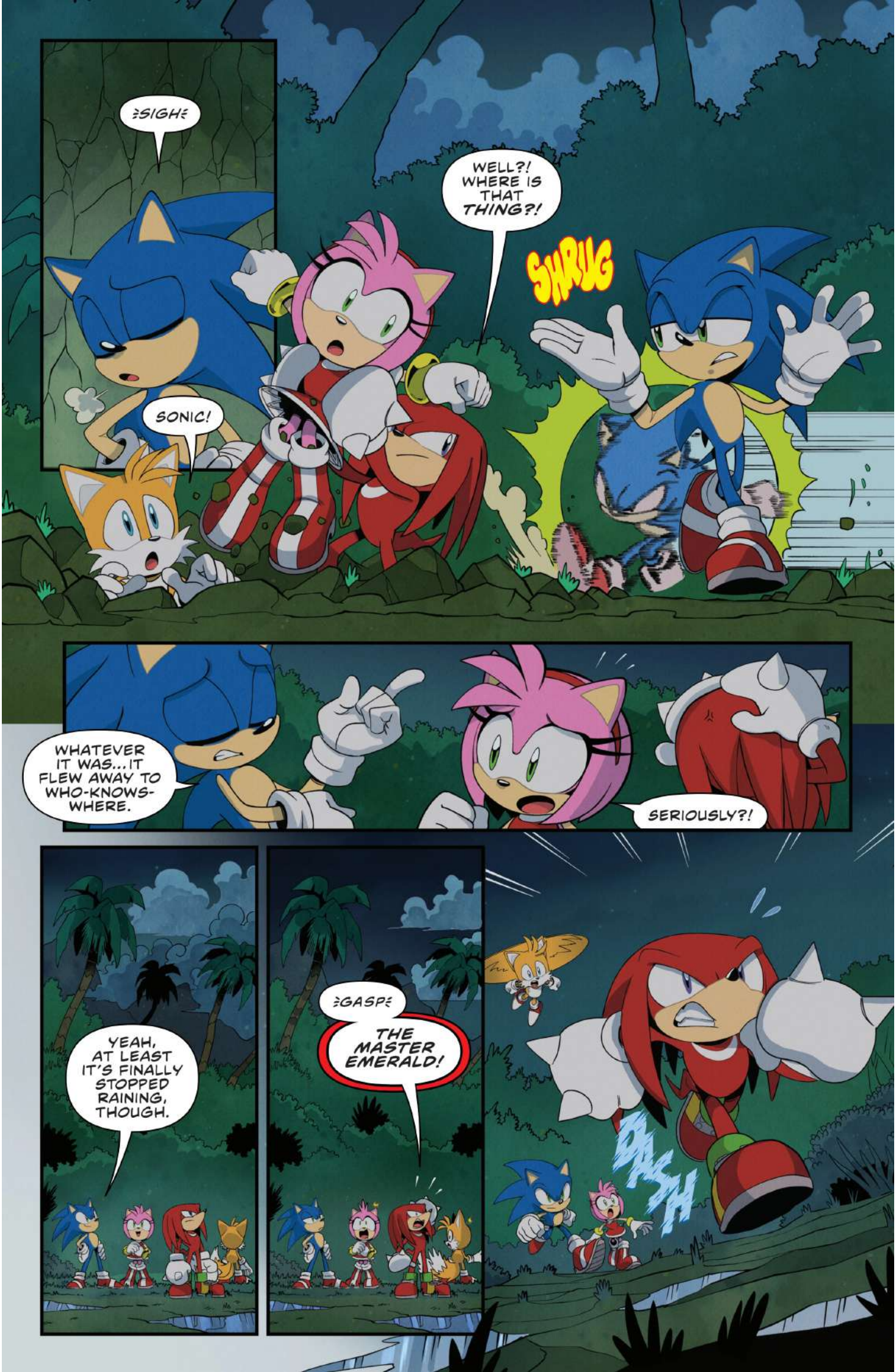
ALL RIGHT, GET READY!
WAIT, MAYBE I SHOULD RETHINK THIS PLAN--
YOU WANTED SOME TEAMWORK, RIGHT?
HERE WE GO!
FWP
AAAHH!
BAM
HII-YAH!
PIKO
WHOA!

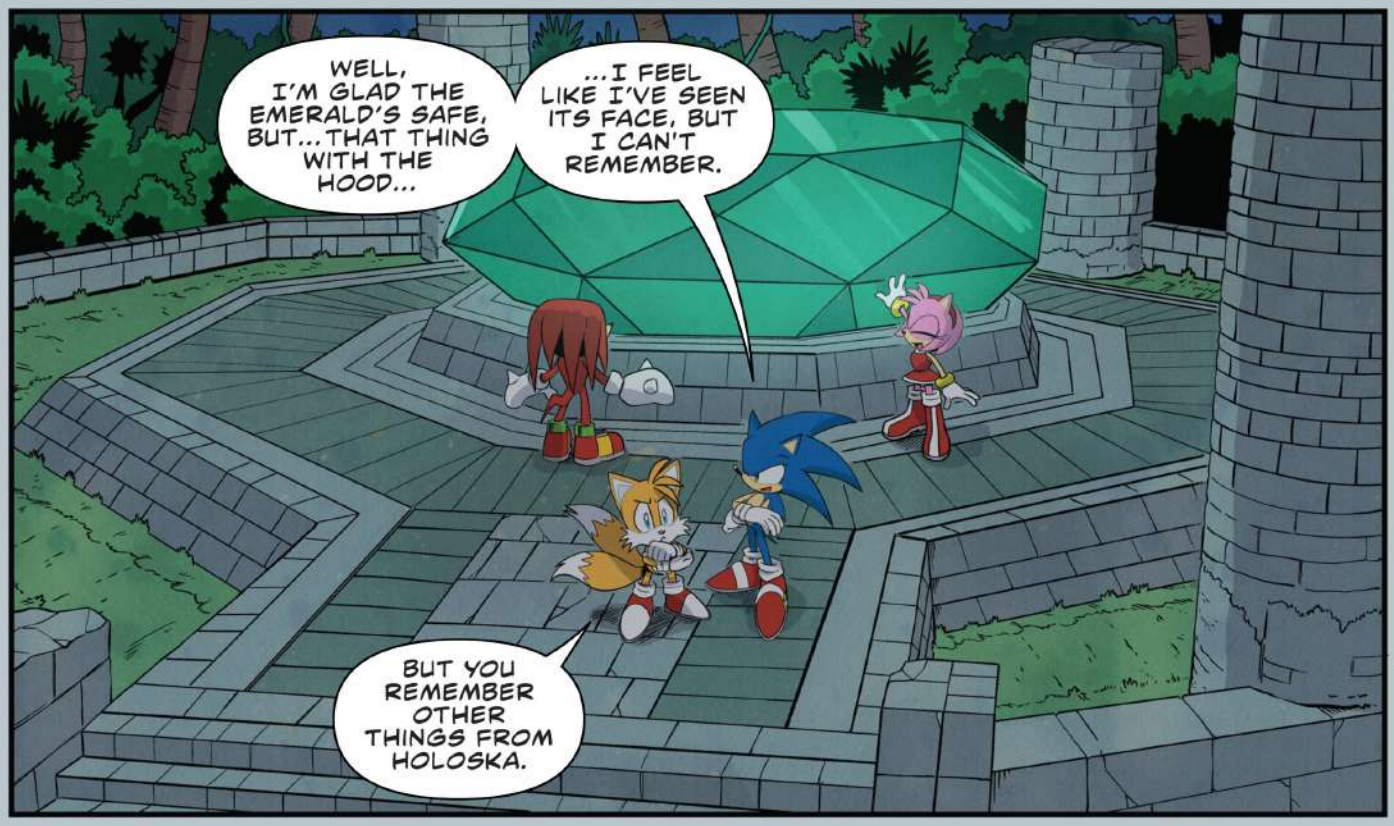
TCHHH
THEY'RE GONE...
THOSE FAKES WERE IN HOLOSKA--WELL, SOME VERSION OF THEM, ANYWAY.
IT'S GOTTA BE THAT WEIRD FOG.
RMBL RMBL
CRACK CRACK CRACK

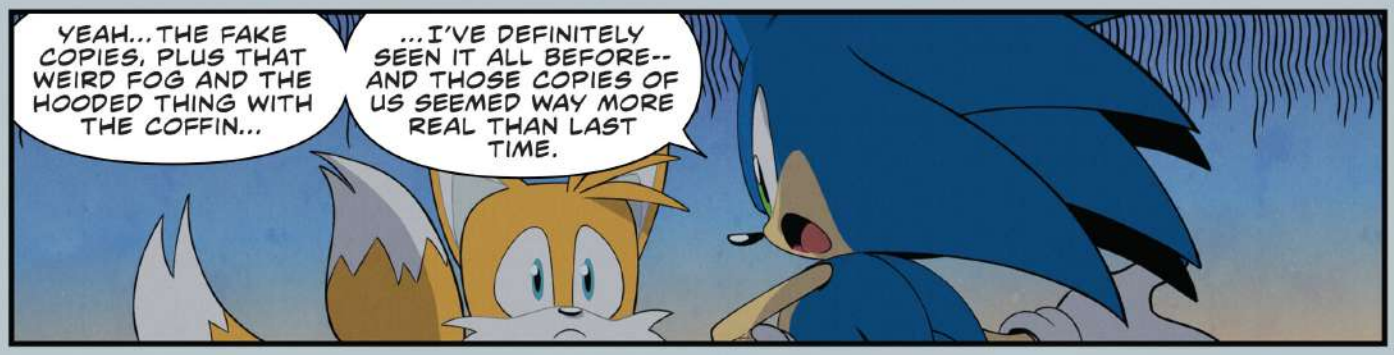
WE'VE GOT YOU NOW!
ALL RIGHT, WHATEVER-YOU-ARE-- YOU'RE GONNA GIVE US SOME ANSWERS.
RIGHT. NOW.
CRACK CRACK CRACK
WHAT THE...
?!
GRAB
CRACK
HEY!
JUMP

DASH
GET BACK HERE!
JUMP
FWP

TPD
GONE...

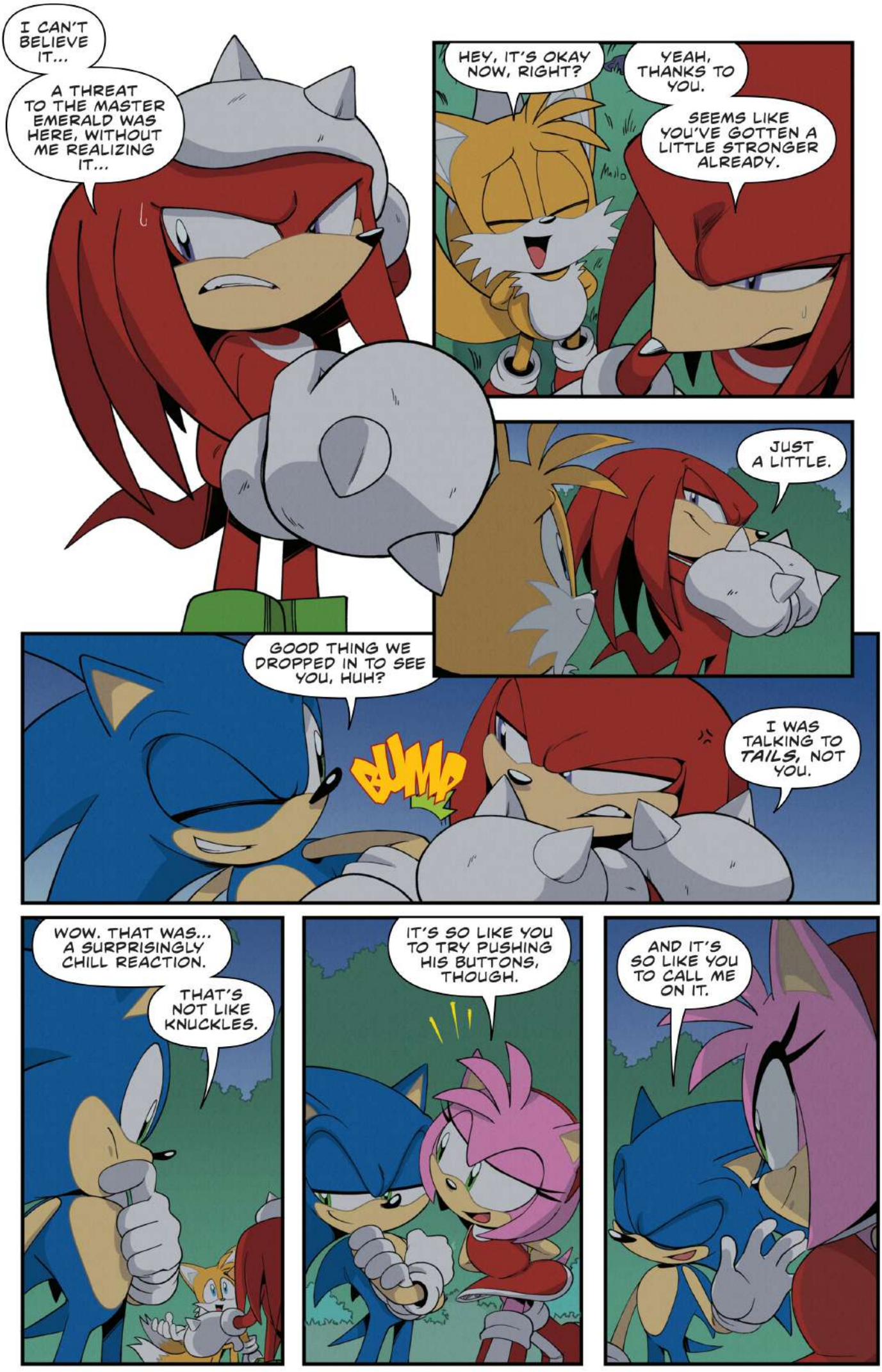

SIGH
SONIC!
WELL?! WHERE IS THAT THING?!
SHRUG
WHATEVER IT WAS...IT FLEW AWAY TO WHO-KNOWS-WHERE.
SERIOUSLY?!
YEAH, AT LEAST IT'S FINALLY STOPPED RAINING, THOUGH.
GASP
THE MASTER EMERALD!
DASH

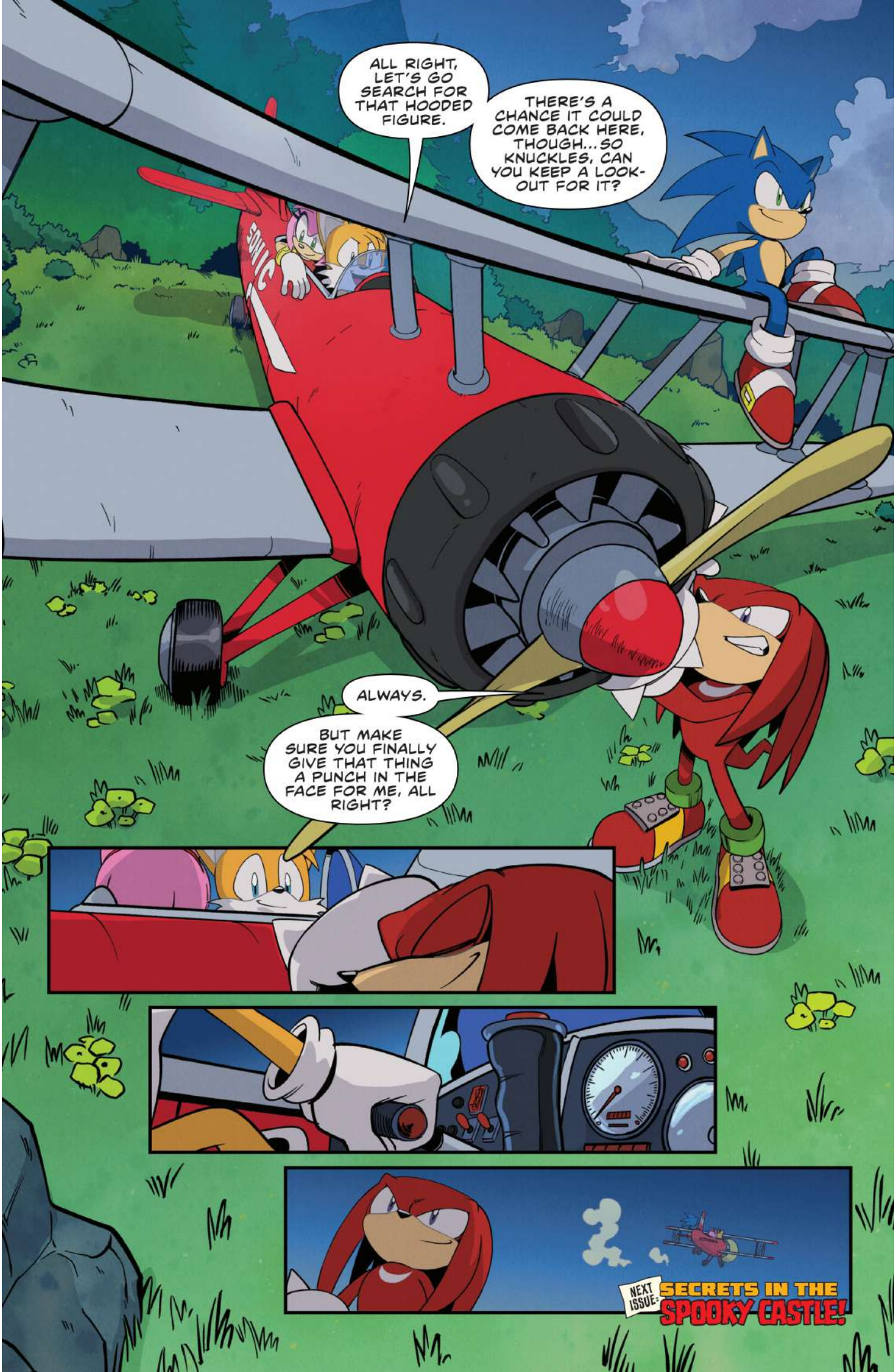

WELL, I'M GLAD THE EMERALD'S SAFE, BUT... THAT THING WITH THE HOOD...
...I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN ITS FACE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER.
BUT YOU REMEMBER OTHER THINGS FROM HOLOSKA.


YEAH... THE FAKE COPIES, PLUS THAT WEIRD FOG AND THE HOODED THING WITH THE COFFIN...
...I'VE DEFINITELY SEEN IT ALL BEFORE-- AND THOSE COPIES OF US SEEMED WAY MORE REAL THAN LAST TIME.

THAT MUST MEAN... WHOEVER KEEPS COMING AFTER THE EMERALDS SEEMS TO BE GETTING STRONGER.

WHATEVER THAT WEIRDO WAS TRYING TO DO, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE STORM HELPED ITS PLAN. MAYBE THE BAD WEATHER WAS OUR LUCKY BREAK?


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
A THREAT TO THE MASTER EMERALD WAS HERE, WITHOUT ME REALIZING IT...
HEY, IT'S OKAY NOW, RIGHT?
YEAH, THANKS TO YOU.
SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE STRONGER ALREADY.
JUST A LITTLE.
GOOD THING WE DROPPED IN TO SEE YOU, HUH?
BUMP
I WAS TALKING TO TAILS, NOT YOU.
WOW. THAT WAS... A SURPRISINGLY CHILL REACTION.
THAT'S NOT LIKE KNUCKLES.
IT'S SO LIKE YOU TO TRY PUSHING HIS BUTTONS, THOUGH.
AND IT'S SO LIKE YOU TO CALL ME ON IT.


ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO SEARCH FOR THAT HOODED FIGURE.
THERE'S A CHANCE IT COULD COME BACK HERE, THOUGH... SO KNUCKLES, CAN YOU KEEP A LOOK-OUT FOR IT?
ALWAYS.
BUT MAKE SURE YOU FINALLY GIVE THAT THING A PUNCH IN THE FACE FOR ME, ALL RIGHT?
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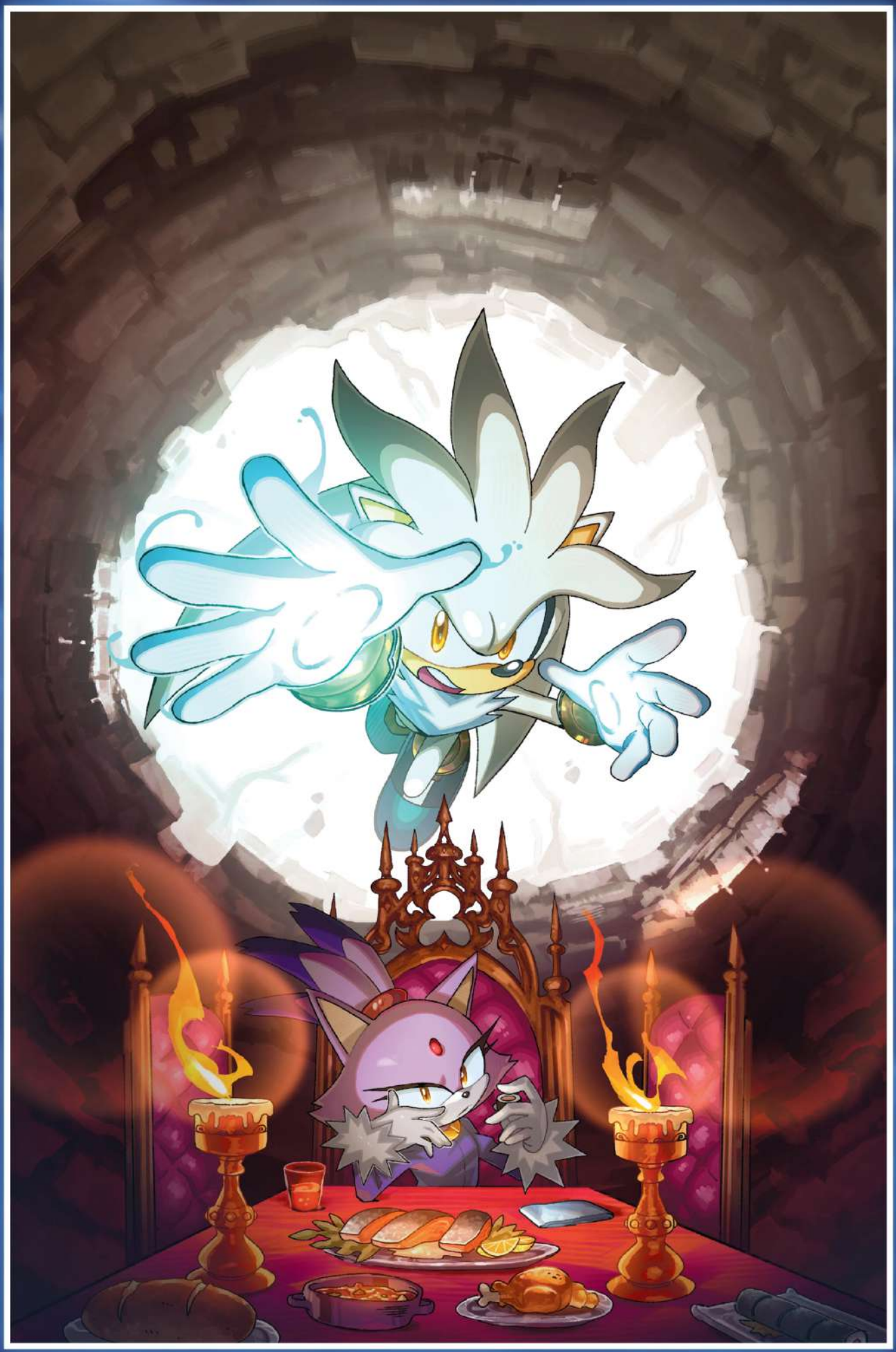
SECRETS IN THE SPOOKY CASTLE!

NEXT MONTH...



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SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

THAT DARN MYSTERIOUS STRANGER! SOMEONE BETTER TO STOP THAT GUY! GOOD THING THAT SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ON THE CASE—I WONDER WHERE THEY'LL END UP NEXT! I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT (OR READ THE END OF THIS LETTER) TO FIND OUT!

UNTIL THEN, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO THE SPECTACULAR TEAM WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE —EVAN STANLEY, IASMIN OMAR ATA, ADAM BRYCE THOMAS, VALENTINA PINTO, AND ED DUKESHIRE! NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM OUR WONDERFUL SONIC SQUAD!

ART BY JUNIPER

ART BY MEGAN

ART BY NATHAN

Hi IDW Sonic Team!! I'm Juniper and I'm fifteen. I've been a Sonic fan for years now. I love all of the colorful and vibrant designs of the characters! I love to draw Sonic characters, specifically my favorite, Amy! I also love these comics, too- and they've inspired me to start making my own graphic novel! It's my dream to one day become an author and artist. The storyline in the comics is so good right now!! Thank you so much for making these awesome comics!!

P.S. I wanted to share some of my Amy art that I really like! It was really fun to draw.

-Juniper

Hi, Juniper! Thank you for sharing your art and I hope you have the best time working on your graphic novel! Amy has really been shining these past few months in the Sonic comics! She's been on so many adventures with her friends, and if you liked this one, you'll probably like Sonic the Hedgehog x Godzilla! Her Piko Piko power is in full swing!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, SONIC SQUAD! DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR ART AND LETTERS TO **LETTERS@IDWPUBLISHING.COM**, AND MAKE SURE TO MARK THEM: **"OKAY TO PRINT"**! AND JOIN THE IDW SONIC COMICS SQUAD ON FACEBOOK! NEXT MONTH, WE FOLLOW SILVER AND BLAZE AS THEY EXPLORE A CREEPY CASTLE WITH A VERY SUSPICIOUS HOST...

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Amy Rose has spent 30 years growing into more than just part of Team Sonic... but a hero all her own.

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IN STORES SEPTEMBER

VIEW FROM THE BACK PAGE

"Oh...this is actually...*really* good?" is a phrase our team often hears when a new reader picks up an issue of IDW's *Star Trek* for the first time.

People have a certain expectation for *Star Trek* comics—that they'll be stiff and unapproachable, or they'll be conventional one-to-one adaptations of movies and shows they've never seen—but our roster of writers and artists have been completely reinventing that image in recent years.

When we say "boldly go," we *mean* it.

When we say "explore strange new worlds," it's a *promise*, not a platitude.

And that's why when readers say the above, we reply, "We know. *Wait until you see what we're doing next*."

This fall, we have a fresh slate of comics coming your way, so if you haven't picked up any of the books yet, it's not too late—you can join Starfleet now and see just what *Star Trek* is all about.

In September, we're launching a brand-new flagship *Star Trek* series written by **Christopher Cantwell** *(Red Shirts, Out of Alcatraz, Defiant)* with art by **Dennis Menheere** *(Etheres)*. The crew, led by **CAPTAIN SEVEN OF NINE**, will quite literally *leave* the known Galaxy to explore the farthest reaches of a new dimension called the Epsilon Corridor. Talk about a good jumping-on point.

Then, in October, from Nebula- and Hugo-winning author **Charlie Jane Anders** *(New Mutants, Lessons in Magic and Disaster)* and debut artist **Isaac Sánchez González** comes ***Star Trek: Zero Point***—the tie-in series to *Star Trek*. In this title, **RAFFI MUSIKER** takes command of the *U.S.S. Endeavour* and is immediately handed a directive: Follow the guidance of a powerful, untested A.I., built from mysterious tech found in the Epsilon Corridor, that can predict threats before they happen. But some warnings come too late—and some discoveries are better left buried.

In addition to these two core titles, we have a plethora of other adventures, like *Star Trek: Red Shirts—Ghost of the 21st Century* and the forthcoming *Star Trek: Holo-Ween II*, and we seriously hope you give one a try. Then, when someone not in the know says "Hey...*Star Trek* is actually...really good?" you can say, "I *know*. Wait until you see where we're going next."

Yours truly,
First Officer Cassandra Jones
Associate Editor

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